

Northville, Sept. 7th 1841

My Dear Friend, Last evening as I was packing from Abington to this place, I found this letter, which did not have time to reach till I got into the cord.

Oliver's proposal strikes me favorably. I think it a capital suggestion. It would be a fine time to look to the Penned downing into our brotherhood. I have written Johnson my individual opinion & informed him that you would probably write him soon, giving his opinion to the Boston friends.

Had a beautiful meeting last night. Brother



John appeared in excellent spirits of mind. I hope we shall see you for our cause. This evening

To-morrow we go to Down & on Thursday night we lecture in this place again - on Friday in Georgetown.

Every thing looks well encouraging. An organization is completely set on foot. They contribute almost as freely as the old. In two towns the presidents & secretaries & most of the officers of N. E. A.!

Will you communicate with them as soon as your convenience will permit? At the Boston meeting the abolition friends can, by a vote, give this Penn. meeting a slot. The petition should be out immediately. The Abington women are in want of what you used to send them for the cause. I send 2 Abington. Westley - Collins

I have just returned from a very

pleasant, if not profitable excursion to the counties of Chester and Berks in Pennsylvania. There is a manifest revival of anti-slavery feeling in those parts of the Keystone State. The voice of abolitionists there is almost unanimous in favor of Old Organization. In fact, I did not see or even hear of a single New Organizationist among them. I collected, in a few days \$84 on the Dollar Plan, besides procuring a number of subscribers for the Standard.

During my visit, the thought suggested itself to me, that it would be a happy arrangement to hold a special meeting of the Amer-

ican S. S. Society at Philadelphia on the 8th anniversary of its formation, (Dec. 3, 4, 5.) I mentioned the matter to some of the country abolitionists of Pennsylvania, who expressed themselves quite enthusiastically in favor of the measure. While in Philadelphia I attended a meeting of the State Ex. Com., and, as the Quakers say, "opened my concern" before them. The proposition was favorably received by all, and some were quite earnest in their expressions of "unity." Last evening, the subject was introduced to our Executive Committee, who instructed me to correspond with the friends in different parts of the country, with a view of ascertaining their opinions upon the subject. It is in compliance with these instructions that I write ~~you~~ to solicit your judgment in the case. My own impressions are decidedly favorable to the measure, for reasons which will perhaps readily occur to you. In the first place, these

will be a pleasant novelty in such a meeting,
on the anniversary alluded to, which will be likely,
I think, to awaken enthusiasm. 2. It will show
the whole country that our national organization
is in a living position. 3. It will afford an excel-
lent opportunity to brighten the links of ~~the~~ chain
which binds us to the trying ~~time~~ period of 1833,
and to put to shame those who accuse us of
departing from the original faith. 4. It will
tend to harmonize and consolidate our national
organization. 5. It will add greatly to our
strength in Pennsylvania, by affording
an opportunity to those abolitionists who are
prevented from attending our May anniversary
fair, (along the Friends Yearly meetings which
are held the same week,) an opportunity to unite
with us in the measures necessary to carry
forward our national organization. These are
a few of the reasons which occur to my mind at
the moment of writing. Please weigh them in
your judgment-balance; and, after consulting
with the other friends in Massachusetts, let

we know your ^{and their} opinion. Of course, if we proceed in the measure, we must ~~do~~ do so harmoniously, zealously, enthusiastically. Let me hear from you in a day or two, without fail.

Mrs Maria W. Chapman
Chuncy place Boston



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~~John A. Collins~~

~~St Louis~~

~~Boston~~

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Oliver Johnson
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The Committee last evening passed a vote requesting me to make a trip to Ohio and Indiana, to lecture and collect funds, particularly among the Quakers there. I hate to leave home, but it is not unlikely that I may depart in the course of eight or ten days. In great haste, your friends,
Oliver Johnson.

Ms. A. 9. 2. 15. 63